

BEXAR COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

March 13, 2024



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Club Manager Reports: Last Page



BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board section will highlight critical events, deadlines, and information for quick viewing.



Texas 4-H Congress Application Information

EVENT NAME: 2024 Texas 4-H Congress (Austin, TX)

EVENT DATE: July 14-17, 2024

What is Congress? Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members going into 9th grade – through those who just graduated 12th Grade (at the time of the event). During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of legislators, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Attached to this email is more information about Texas 4-H Congress or you may visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/> for more information.

Bexar County Delegate spots: 2

Press Corps and Lobbyist Positions:

- Applications through 4-HOnline
- **Deadline - March 14, 2024**
- Recommended to also apply for a county position in the event you are not selected for Press or Lobbyist.

Delegate Positions:

- Applications submitted to the Bexar County AgriLife Extension Service Office
- **Deadline - Wednesday, March 20th @ 5:00pm (No late applications will be accepted)**
- **Application Submission Link:** <https://forms.gle/mPPH1nFiCuJgbXLq6>
- Requirements - answer both question prompts and upload the most recent copy of your 4-H Record Book.

Submitting a Bill

- All youth attending Texas 4-H Congress will be required to submit a bill.
- Any 4-H member may submit bills for Texas 4-H Congress.
- Information on bill writing, submissions, and past bill books can be found at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/> **under Bill Submissions.**

BEXAR COUNTY FUNDRAISER

*****NEW BEXAR COUNTY 4-H FUNDRAISER!*****



Bexar County 4-H will partner with Fredericksburg Farms for our NEW Bexar County 4-H fundraiser. For many years Bexar County 4-H partnered with World's Finest Chocolate, and we thank them for their support and generosity. But over the past few years, we have seen a rapid decline in participation in our county fundraiser; this fundraiser is the critical component that allows us to provide generous reimbursements for our 4-H members to participate in many district and state-level opportunities. The Bexar County AgriLife staff and Bexar County 4-H Council are extremely excited about this opportunity! We will be selling "freshies".

What is a Freshie?

- Wax air fresheners in fun shapes
- 30-45 days of fragrance
- Can be placed anywhere (may stain fabrics)
- May melt in extremely high temps.

What members need to know:

- Each individual club will receive a percentage of their sales just as we did with chocolate.
- Club managers will gather their club orders and submit them to the Extension office for ordering.
- Orders will be collected 3 times during the year!
- All clubs must submit payment with their orders to the county extension office.
- 12 Freshie options to choose from

Information:

[Flyer](#)
[Order Form](#)

Next order Deadline: April 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Upcoming Events section will provide a complete look at the known upcoming events and deadlines.

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| MAR 14 | Texas 4-H Congress Press Corps and Lobbyist App DEADLINE – Pg. 16 |
| MAR 14 -17 | Texas 4-H Center Camp Ambassador Training – Pg. 16 |
| MAR 15 | Bexar Agriculture & Natural Resource Comm. Scholarship DEADLINE – Pg. 7 |
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| APR 20 | Oak Valley 4-H Club Youth 4-H Horse Show – Pg. 13 |

4-H Reimbursement Form – Reimbursement Submission DEADLINE August 1, 2024

Information: The Bexar 4-H Council has money set aside to reimburse for selected District and State events to encourage participation and help ease the financial burden for active 4-H families. The money reimbursed will need to be requested from our office; it will no longer be automatically mailed. See details below:

How: Please fill out and return the [Reimbursement Form](#) to kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu.

County deadlines may differ from district or state deadlines to allow the county extension staff time to review and complete entries.

CONTEST PAGE

The contest page will provide a look at all major contests at the county, district, and state levels.

2023 – 2024 County – District – State CONTEST/EVENTS CALENDAR

SPRING DATES

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| District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX | |
| REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, March 1, 2024 | |
| REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 19, 2024 | |
| LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri, Mar. 20-22, 2024 | |
| Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES | |
| April 9, 2024 | • Leaders 4 Life (Seguin, TX) |
| April 10, 2024 | • Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX) |
| April 15, 2024 | • Livestock Judging |
| April 16, 2024 | • Consumer Decision Making • Range/Pasture ID & Range Evaluation • Wool & Mohair Judging |
| April 17, 2024 | • Share the Fun • Soil Judging |
| April 18, 2024 | • Duds 2 Dazzle • Fashion Show & Natural Fibers |
| April 20, 2024 | • Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX) |
| April 26, 2024 | • 4-H Storyboard <i>Results Released</i> |
| 2024 Texas 4-H Congress | |
| Event Date: July 14-17, 2024 | |
| All 4-H members (going into 9 th grade – through those who just graduated 12 th at the time of the event) must contact their County Office if they wish to be nominated for selection to attend Texas 4-H Congress. | |
| Contact your County Office for House/Senate Delegate Nomination DEADLINE | |
| PRESS CORPS/LOBBYIST DEADLINE: Mar. 14, 2023 | |
| CONGRESS REGISTRATION OPENS: April 1, 2024 | |
| REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2024 (\$425) | |
| LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 30, 2024 (\$500) | |
| BILL SUBMISSION CLOSING (4HOnline): May 30, 2024 | |
| Information | Texas 4-H Congress Letter |

SUMMER DATES

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| Texas 4-H State Roundup – College Station | |
| REGISTRATION OPENS: Wed., May 1, 2024 | |
| REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Mon., Mar. 13, 2024 | |
| LATE REGISTRATION: | |
| May 14 - May 15, 2024: Additional \$50 Late Fee | |
| May 16 – May 17, 2024: Additional \$250 Late Fee | |
| May 18 - May 31, 2024: Additional \$500 Late Fee | |
| Event Information & Helpful Links | |
| EVENT DATE: June 3-6, 2024 | Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook 2024 Changes & Reminders College & Career Fair Registration Room Block Information Sponsorship Opportunities Schedule of Events (Tentative) Educational Workshops Series |
| District 10 Horse Show – Dripping Springs, TX | |
| REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 | |
| REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues. May 14, 2024 | |
| LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, May 15-17, 2024 | |
| EVENT DATE: June 13, 2024 | |
| District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX | |
| REGISTRATION OPENS: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 | |
| EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 28, 2024 | |
| LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 29-31, 2024 | |
| EVENT DATE: June 26-28, 2024 | |
| District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg | |
| REGISTRATION OPENS: Saturday, June 1, 2024 | |
| REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 25, 2024 | |
| LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.–Fri. June 26-28, 2024 | |
| EVENT DATE: July 11, 2024 (*District 10 4-H Planning Meetings for Agents/Staff will be held July 10, 2024) | |

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4-H EVENTS AND TRAININGS

The Local Events section will provide upcoming county meetings and training opportunities.

4-H Training Request Form- **PERSONAL CLUB TRAININGS AVAILABLE**

- **Information:** If you are interested in having a 4-H staff member speak at your event/club meeting, please complete this [form](#) and submit it to kevin.knapick@ag.tamu.edu at least 3 weeks prior to the requested date. Please allow 3-5 business days for confirmation. Please contact us at 210-631-0400 with questions.

2023-2024 Upcoming Virtual/In-Person Trainings

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2023-2024 Bexar County 4-H Council Dates

March 21st, May 16th (Elections)

SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship page will provide a look at all upcoming scholarship opportunities for 4-H members.

Bexar County 4-H S.A.L.E. Scholarship – INFORMATION COMING SOON

Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship ([INFORMATION](#)) – DEADLINE April 1st

This year, Lockheed Martin will award up to 100 scholarships to those who are selected for the [STEM Scholarship Program](#). The Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship Program is only open to applicants and recipients who are U.S. citizens attending or planning to attend an accredited U.S. 4-year college or university full time. Learn more by visiting the [STEM](#) Scholarship Program pages.

NEW

2024 Youth in Action Awards ([APPLICATION](#)) – DEADLINE April 1st

Teens aged 14–19 are encouraged to apply to the 4-H Youth in Action Program for the chance to tell their 4-H impact story and win a \$5k educational scholarship. [Apply TODAY](#) to become one of four National 4-H Youth in Action winners. Each outstanding youth will receive a \$5k scholarship, tailored professional mentoring, national speaking opportunities and MORE! Applications are now live until April 1st. 4-H'ers interested in applying are encouraged to attend the [info session](#) on February 21st, at 7:00 PM ET.

NEW

Bexar Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee Scholarship ([APPLICATION](#)) – DEADLINE March 15th

The Bexar Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee scholarship was established to support high school seniors pursuing an agricultural degree. This scholarship will recognize and reward Bexar County youths who possess a passion for agriculture and lead by example. Selection will be based on the completed application. **Agriculture Award:** \$1,000 at the beginning of the Fall Semester. **Eligibility:**

- Be a graduating high school senior in good standing.
- Be a resident of Bexar County or attend a Bexar County high school.
- Attend a United States college/university on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 hours/semester) for the 2024-2025 academic year following high school graduation.
- Pursue a degree that supports.

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AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

The ag and livestock page will be your one stop shop for all critical livestock information.

Project Visits – If you have any questions or need help with your livestock project, feel free to contact me. You're welcome to call, email, text, or swing by the Extension Office. I would like to see your project throughout the feeding period and would prefer to stop by when you and your parents(s) are available. Please reach out to schedule an appointment.

Project Meetings/Resources – If you have an idea for a livestock project meeting or you're an adult looking for resources to share with members, feel free to contact Sam womble. Sam is happy to help! Contact Sam.Womble@ag.tamu.edu or call the office # 210-631-0400 or cell # 361-649-5836.

2023 – 2024 Livestock Project Meetings

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Important Quality Counts Update (FAQ) (QC Enrollment Instructions)



A reminder, all exhibitors are required to provide a verified QC number at the time of major livestock show entry. This new process/exam is NOT required for everyone. Only those users who are new or are moving to the next grade level course (junior: 3-5th grade, intermediate: 6-8th, senior: 9-12th) are required to take Quality Counts this year.

CHECK YOUR PROJECT TATTOOS TO ENSURE THEY ARE VISIBLE! If you need assistance, please reach out to Sam or Kevin to make sure your tattoo is good to prevent a potential disqualification. All tattoos must be replaced 3 weeks prior to the show you are entered in!

SHOW TIME! Validation Reminders!

- Heifers – we require the original registration papers only! No copy, electronic copy, or online papers will be accepted.
- The exhibitor must bring original registration papers to the RING. They will not be allowed to retrieve them from their stalls/showbox.
- If registration papers have been reprinted, we need new papers and a letter from the association emailed to the office ASAP. This must be received BEFORE show check in.
- Please check all tattoos for steers and heifers. Steers must be the county number and heifers must match the registration paper. These must be legible. If they are not there or not readable, the animal will be disqualified. We will not pull DNA for these instances.
- The county tattoo for a steer can be in either ear.
- Retags for both steers and heifers will be administered at the show for \$25 CASH. We will need the old tag number. Animals must be retagged within 2 weeks of losing the tag. Only those livestock losing tags close to the time of show should be retagged there. I will take retag forms emailed to me up until check in day.

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NEW

State Fair of Texas Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Orders - DEADLINE March 22nd

All lamb and goats to be shown at the State Fair of Texas 2024 must be validated. Tag order forms are not ready and will be uploaded on our 4-H Livestock [webpage](#) soon.

NEW

Spring Heifer Validation Tag Orders ([FORM](#)) – DEADLINE March 22nd

All heifers to be shown at the county and major livestock shows must be state validated. Cost will be \$27.00 per head. If showing through Bexar County 4-H, please complete one form per family and submit paperwork & payment to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr. Suite 212 San Antonio, TX 78230. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

NEW

Steer Validation Tag Orders ([FORM](#)) – DEADLINE March 22nd

All steers to be shown at the county and major livestock shows must be state validated. Cost will be \$27.00 per head. If you are showing through Bexar County 4-H, please return the attached form and fees to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr, Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

NEW

State Fair of Texas Swine Validation Tag Orders ([FORM](#)) – DEADLINE April 12th

All lambs and goats to be shown at the State Fair of Texas 2024 must be validated. The cost will be \$18.00 per head. If you are showing through Bexar County 4-H, please return the attached form and fees to the Bexar County Extension Office at 3355 Cherry Ridge Dr, Suite 212, San Antonio, TX 78230. Make checks payable to Bexar 4-H Fund.

Kimble County Invitational Contests ([AGENDA](#))

Kimble County 4-H Invitational contests will take place on April 13th, 2024. This year, they will offer: Grass ID, Range Evaluation, & Wool & Mohair Judging. All contests are open to all 4-H and FFA members. More details and the official flyer will be posted soon. Contact Alex.Lopez@ag.tamu.edu with questions.

CFC Ag Start Loan Program ([FLYER](#))

The Capital Farm Credit Ag Start Loan Program provides youth in agriculture the tools and resources they need to prepare for a successful career in the agricultural industry. This loan program is available to 4-H and FFA members involved in junior market, breeding and commercial livestock projects. Funds can be used to purchase and care for a junior livestock project or for a general-purpose youth agricultural loan and must be repaid following the sale of the animal(s). The AgStart Loan Program is designed to offer educational and financial awareness to youth while supporting the next generation of farmers and ranchers.

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NEW

Sonora Invitational Judging Contest & Fleece Show

Sutton County invites all 4-H members to the Sonora Invitational 4-H Judging Contests on April 6, 2024. Youth may enter: Grass ID, Range, Wool & Mohair. Youth may also enter their annual Fleece Show. Email these forms to: p-hernandez@tamu.edu or Annette.Estrada@ag.tamu.edu; hard copies may be mailed to: **Sutton County Extension Office P.O. BOX 1047, Sonora, Texas 76950.**

- [2024 Sonora Fleece Entry Sheet](#)
- [Invitational Judging Team Entry Form](#)
- [Contest Schedule](#)

NEW

2024 South Texas Ranch Brigade ([APPLICATION](#)) – [DEADLINE March 15th](#)

The South Texas Ranch Brigade is a hands-on, 5-day, immersive learning experience designed to educate participants about land stewardship, livestock production, low stress livestock handling, grassland management and nutrition, livestock marketing, and natural resource management. Ages 13 – 17. The camp will be held at the Duval County Ranch in Freer, Texas.

NEW

Texas Farm Bureau Engage Series ([INFORMATION](#))

Calling all future leaders! If you are entering 10th or 11th grade in August 2024, check out this opportunity to dive into the world of agriculture and community engagement. Join us to explore the Texas Farm Bureau, connect with industry leaders, delve into the free enterprise system, master social media presence, and experience firsthand Texas agricultural operations.

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TX 4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassador Programs – DEADLINE April 15th **(POULTRY) (EQUINE) (LIVESTOCK) (TX 4-H ADVOCACY ACADEMY APPLICATION)**

The Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy is a unique experience for those wishing to take the next step as a Texas 4-H Ambassador. As you know, the first year of the Texas 4-H Livestock, Equine and Poultry Ambassador Program is primarily focused on mentoring families and applying animal/equine/poultry science knowledge. The Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy focuses on building your understanding of the importance of the political world surrounding agriculture, providing a global perspective of agriculture, and giving you the tools to effectively educate others about agriculture. Here is what you should expect:

- Meet agricultural lobbyists and advocacy groups
- Meetings and communication with State Representatives and Senators, and other elected officials
- Learn ethical considerations of raising livestock and horses for food and entertainment
- Ethical considerations of reproductive/growth technologies/GMOs
- Investigate agricultural law
- Communicating with elected officials
- Unique insight to collegiate internships in Austin and Washington D.C.
- Participate in agriculture issue debates

2024 Short Course Offering:

1. [Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Short Course](#), Texas Tech University – June 10-13, 2024
2. [Texas 4-H Poultry Ambassador Short Course](#), Texas A&M University – June 24-27, 2024
3. [Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course](#), Texas A&M University-Kingsville – June 17-20, 2024
4. [Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course](#), Texas A&M University – July 15-18, 2024
5. [Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course](#), West Texas A&M University/Texas Tech University – July 22-25, 2024

Selection Criteria:

- Senior level (grades 9-12 in fall 2024) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock/equine/poultry projects.
- Students with a profound interest in animal/equine/poultry science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others.
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

1. Students will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent.
2. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey.
3. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per short course.

2024 Phase II and Phase III Offering:

1. [Texas 4-H Advocacy Academy](#), Austin – July 1-3, 2024
2. Texas 4-H Mountain West Agricultural Experience – July 27-August 6, 2024 - *dates tentative*

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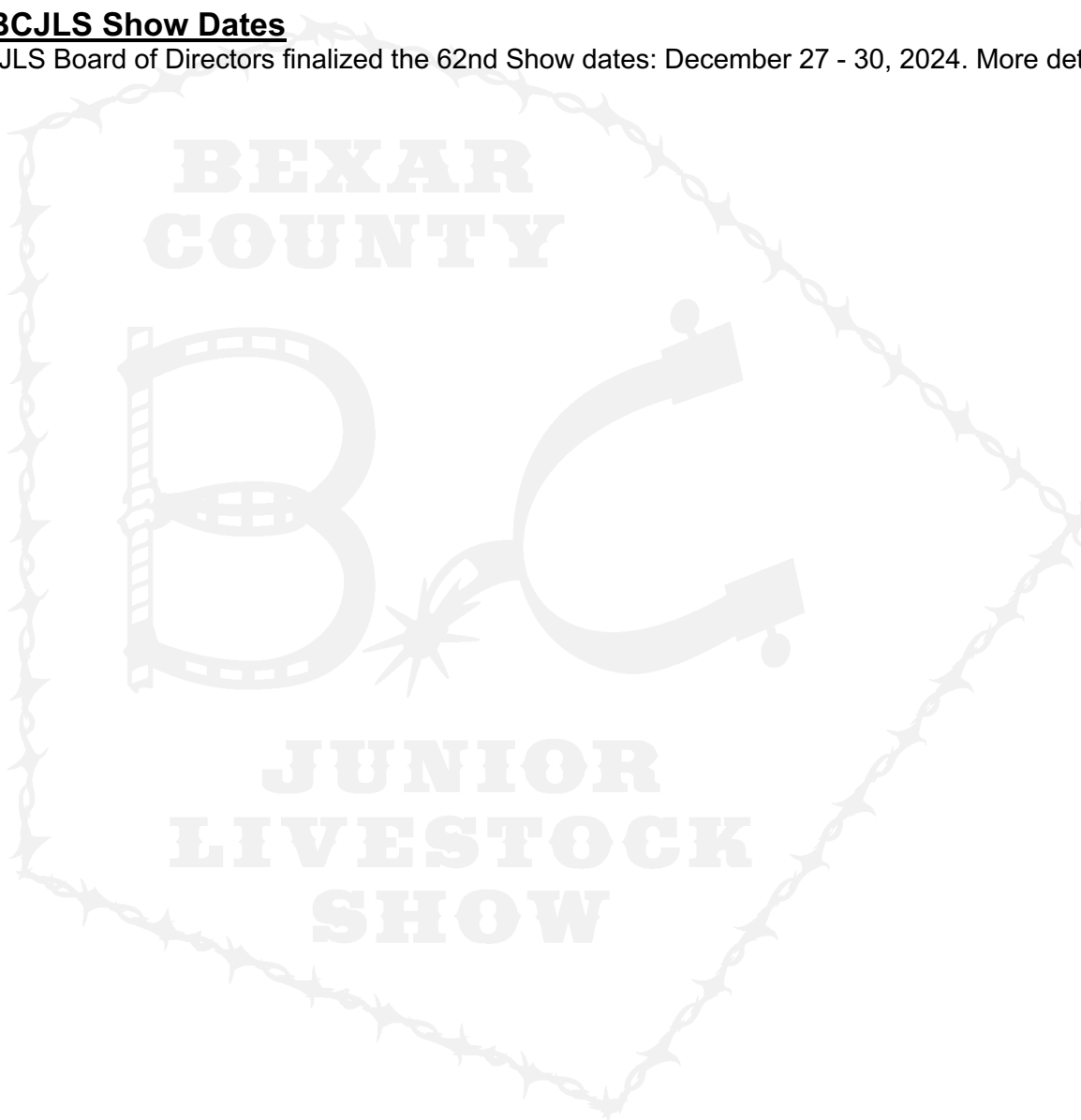
BCJLS UPDATES

The BCJLS page will provide a look at all major updates from the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show.

NEW

2024 BCJLS Show Dates

The BCJLS Board of Directors finalized the 62nd Show dates: December 27 - 30, 2024. More details will follow.



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HORSE UPDATES

The horse page will provide a look at all horse events at the county, district, and state levels.

2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show ([SCHEDULE](#))

The 2024 Texas 4-H Horse Show schedule is now available, as well as other important information about the show. The event will be held July 21-27 in Bryan/College Station. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Aggie Gold Horse Judging Contest ([FLYER](#)) – DEADLINE March 15th

The Aggie Gold Horse Judging Contest will be held April 6th at the Brazos County Expo in conjunction with the Multi District 4-H Contest.

Texas 4-H Roping School ([FLYER](#)) ([INFORMATION](#))

On June 16- 20, 2024, the Statewide Texas 4-H Calf Roping and Break-A-Way School will be held in Stephenville, Texas. The school will be held at Park Your Pony Arena (address and contact information are provided below). This event has been developed to encourage young people in 4H to develop leadership skills and to exercise their abilities in working with younger members in roping activities in 4H. Participation is open to all districts of the state, with applications being accepted on a first come, first-serve basis with priority to those who are 12 years of age and older. The maximum number which can be accommodated is 50. **All participants MUST be a current member of 4H to participate.**

Oak Valley 4-H Club 4-H Youth Horse Show ([REGISTRATION](#)) ([FLYER](#)) – DEADLINE April 15th at 5PM

Oak Valley 4-H Club will be hosting a 4-H Youth Horse Show on Saturday, April 20th, 2024, at the HIS Arena – Country Church (1005 FM 78 W, Marion, TX 78124) Please see the flyer for more information.

NEW

2024 Texas 4-H Horse Validation ([GUIDELINE](#)) ([WALK THROUGH](#)) – DEADLINE May 1st

4-H exhibitors wishing to participate in the 2024 District & State Horse show must validate any horses that will be used in competition. ALL horses must be validated/re-validated each year. There is no limit to the number of horses that can be validated. You are encouraged to validate all horses that may possibly be shown at district and/or state shows. Only state validated horses can be substituted in the event that a validated horse becomes unusable due to lameness, sickness, etc.

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FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH

The FCH page will provide a look at all major FCH related events at the county, district, and state levels.

Buc Days Invitational Food Challenge ([RULES](#)) ([REGISTRATION](#))

The Buccaneer Commission in Corpus Christi, Texas, will be hosting an invitational Food Challenge May 11, 2024. The event will be hosted on Buc Days Festival grounds in the American Bank Center Exhibit Hall where \$7,500 will be awarded in prize money.

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Applications Open – [DEADLINE April 1st](#)

Looking for a new way to engage high school youth in health education, nutrition and health projects, and leadership? If so, consider becoming a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador County! Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors can assist county Extension agents in providing valuable health education to youth and adults within the community. Working alongside their agent, they can become a valuable part of the local Texas A&M AgriLife and Texas 4-H Youth Development team! Applications are open now and due April 1st. Once applications are received, completed applications will be forwarded to County Extension Agents for final approval into the program. [Click here to access the application and additional information about the program, including the timeline.](#)

Food Handlers Course ([FLYER](#))

If you're interested in obtaining your food handlers certification you can contact Angie Gutierrez, Family & Community Health agent. Class can be conducted at the Extension office or at your location.

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LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

The leadership / citizenship page will provide all leadership events at the county, district, and state levels.

Citizen Washington Focus

4-H'ers from across the nation at one of two incredible weeks of the new Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) experience. The dates for 2024 are June 15-22, 2024, and June 20-27, 2024. [Click here to register.](#)

2024 National 4-H Conference ([INFORMATION](#)) – DEADLINE December 15th

Applications for youth to participate in the 2023 National 4-H Conference on April 19-24, 2024, in Arlington, VA will open on 4Honline on December 1, 2023. Youth must be 15 – 19 years old to attend.

National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute – DEADLINE May 17th

National 4-H Council's True Leaders in Equity Institute is an opportunity to discuss pertinent issues that challenge your community. Teens and adult teams will engage with inspiring speakers, learn from hands on workshops, and become change agents to create welcoming and belonging environments for all. [Save this link to stay informed on updates.](#)

2024 – 2025 Texas 4-H Council At Large Delegates ([APPLY](#)) – DEADLINE March 28th

The 2024-2025 Texas 4-H Council – At Large Delegate Applications are now available online by [clicking here](#). Deadline to apply is March 28, 2024. Members of Texas 4-H Council are elected by their peers from across the state of Texas, representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts plus an additional six At-Large Delegates. The Texas 4-H Council members serve as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program. Members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events. Check for an email from Jana Barrett for youth commitment dates.

2024 TFB Student Success Series Engage Program

The Texas Farm Bureau Student Success Series Engage Program is for current freshmen and sophomores in high school. Participants will learn more about TFB, engage with community leaders in agriculture and western industries, gain insight into the free enterprise system, and tour a local agricultural operation. This program will take place in each of the 13 TFB Districts. A list of district event dates, locations, and registration are available by [clicking here](#).

CORE Academy ([FLYER](#)) ([APPLY](#)) – DEADLINE April 15th

Mark your calendars for the 2024 CORE Academy. Explore the Stephenville and San Angelo areas with other high school youth as you explore career and leadership opportunities in diverse global economies while you learn about post-secondary degree institutions in Texas. The academy will take place June 17-21 and registration is due April 15th. See the attached flyer for more information and the link to register.

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LEADERSHIP & CITIZENSHIP

The leadership / citizenship page will provide all leadership events at the county, district, and state levels.

Texas 4-H Center Camp Ambassador Training

Join the Texas 4-H Center staff for Camp Ambassador Training March 14-17th at the Texas 4-H Center. Youth should be ages 15-17 (or 18 if a graduating senior). At this event, teens will participate in teambuilding activities, learn their role as a camp ambassador, help create camp activities and themes, participate in an "empathy lunch", and more. Ambassadors receive 50 hours of volunteer service for each camp they serve at. Ambassadors from 2023 are encouraged to attend again. Registration fee is waived for youth who bring a friend to participate as well. Reach out to Alec Kiser for more information at alec.kiser@ag.tamu.edu. Register at the Texas 4-H Center website.

Texas 4-H Congress Press Corps and Lobbyist Applications – DEADLINE March 14th

Applications for the 2024 Texas 4-H Congress Press Corps and Lobbyist roles are open now and are due on 4HOnline on March 14, 2024. Please note, if you have youth who want to attend but would prefer to serve in a House or Senate role, you will need to work with your District Office (District 4-H Specialist) to get them on your district list. I would encourage youth who are applying for one of these roles to also place their names on the district list, so that if they are not selected, they are still considered to attend in a different role. As a reminder, all youth who are planning on attending are required to submit a bill. A guide to assist in writing and developing a bill as well as the link to the submission form can be found at: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/> under Bill Submissions. There are also three past Bill Books posted so that you can see some of the past Bills submitted.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

The natural resources page will provide a look at all major events at the county, district, and state levels.

4-H Plant Identification Plant Mounts Resource

Individuals & Teams interested in participating in the 4-H Plant Identification Contest will need to secure new sources for plant mounts. Texas Range Plant Mounts: If you are looking for plant mounts for the 4-H Plant Identification contest, Shanna Gleason and Daphne Kast, members of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2022, are selling plant mounts for \$2.50 each. Whether you are just starting a plant ID team or are trying to get some new mounts because your teams have memorized all the old ones, Texas Range Plant Mounts can serve as a good resource. Contact them through their [Facebook Page](#) to learn more and see what is currently available. You can also contact the Kast's by email at daphne.kast@gmail.com.

2024 Texas 4-H Virtual Fishing Reel 'em In Skill-a-thon (RULES) (FLYER)

It's time to start gearing up for the STATEWIDE 2024 4-H Virtual Fishing Reel 'em In Skill-a-thon! Registration will open on 4HOnline, February 1st with the spring tournament scheduled to start on March 15th. This is a fun, educational opportunity for 4-H youth and Clover Kids to get outside and fish with their families and friends as the fishing takes place wherever they are located in Texas! Short educational videos on fishing tips, equipment, fish ID, industry careers, and more are available on the **Texas 4-H Natural Resources** Facebook page and new YouTube page. Prize packages of gift cards, fishing gear, and more will be awarded as provided by our sponsors. Last year we awarded over \$10,000 in prizes!

Texas 4-H Landscape Design Contest (FLYER)

Does your 4-H'er have "the eye" for what it takes to properly design a landscape? Join us for the Texas 4-H Landscape Design Contest June 3, 2024, in College Station, hosted by the Texas A&M University Horticulture Department.

4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Project Workshop (FLYER)

There will be a 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Project workshop on March 23, 2024, from 9 am to 4 pm at Texas A&M University in College Station. Participants will learn wildlife species ecology, wildlife habitat features, wildlife habitat management, 4-H wildlife contests strategies, and should plan to explore in the field, the woods, and the water. This is open to youth and adults statewide for \$5 per participant and registration is open through March 17 on 4HOnline. Contact Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions.

Natural Resources Program Spring and Summer Events (FLYER)

There are a few upcoming 4-H Natural Resources program events coming up in the spring and summer to keep an eye on. Mark your calendars for the events in the attached graphic. [Click here to access the Natural Resources webpage](#), [click here for the 4-H Natural Resources Facebook page](#), and [click here for the 4-H Natural Resources Instagram](#). Contact Larry Hysmith at lhysmith@tamu.edu with questions.

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SHOOTING SPORTS

The shooting sports page will provide a one stop shop for all upcoming shooting sports activities.

Henderson County Whiz Bang ([FLYER](#)) – DEADLINE April 10th

Henderson County Shotgun Sports group will once again be hosting 2 Whiz Bangs in one weekend. The event will be held April 12th and 13th at 5H In Frankston. See flyer has the complete details on this event and how to register.

NEW

2024 State Shooting Sports Extravaganza ([INFORMATION](#)) – DEADLINE March 31st

Registration for Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Extravaganza is now open on 4HOnline. This is a beginner's match and a learning event, so only **first and second-year** shooters in a discipline are allowed to participate. No previous experience in competitive shooting is required for participation. The emphasis of this event is on exploring new shooting activities and having fun, so we are encouraging participants to register for events in which they have never shot competitively.

NEW

Tom Green County 3-D Archery Shoot ([FLYER](#)) ([REGISTRATION](#))

The Tom Green 4-H Archery Club is inviting all 4-H members to their 3-D Archery Shoot. Fees to participate are: Youth (\$15) and Adults (\$25). This event will be held on April 6th at the Tom Green 4-H Shooting Sports Complex.

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STEM

The STEM contest page will provide a look at all STEM opportunities at the county, district, and state levels.

CLOVER: Exploring the Secrets of Our Sun (ACTIVITY)

Developed by Utah State University and EDP Renewables, help youth dive into the world of experiential learning! 4-H youth will build a solar energy model, get their hands dirty (well, not literally), and learn about renewable energy. From understanding the principles of photovoltaics to assembling the components, every step is a chance to explore, discover, and apply real-world knowledge.

Texas Outdoor Media Association Photography Contest (RULES) – DEADLINE March 15th

The TOWA/TOMA Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in photography, including the use of photographic equipment and processing of photographs. They are passionate proponents of the North American Conservation Model and have a mission to encourage young photographers to use their craft as a medium to communicate their appreciation of the Texas outdoors. This photography contest is for senior level 4-H members across the state. Submissions are now being accepted through March 15th. [Click here to submit photos.](#)

Clover by 4-H Activity (ACTIVITY)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) refers to the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines. Designed by The Ohio State University Extension and brought to you by Google, 4-H educators will help youth explore the fundamental decision-making principles of AI and applications of AI in commonly used technologies in this week's Clover by 4-H activity.

STATE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST – DOWNLOAD GUIDE – DEADLINE April 15th

The rules for the 2023-2024 State Photography Contest have been released. For those who may be new to Extension, the state 4-H photography contest is a senior-only qualifying contest where photos qualify directly from COUNTY to STATE. Each county may submit no more than 1 photo per category (15 total). As stated in the rules, counties are highly encouraged to have some type of selection process in place to determine which photos are eligible. The timeline for entry is April 1-15. If you have questions about this contest, please contact Derrick Bruton. Key points:

- Qualify from county level (district contests have no bearing on qualifications)
- Open to senior age division only
- 15 categories (includes a new "Abandoned" theme for this year)
- Entry: April 1-15, 2024 @ 11:59PM on 4HOnline & Submittable. **No late entries accepted.**

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Aperture Academy ([FLYER](#))

Aperture Academy is a beginner's photography camp for youth entering grades 6-8 and is scheduled for July 7-10. All cameras, equipment, and supplies for the camp will be provided. No prior knowledge or experience of photography is required. Registration is open & space is limited to 25.

Clover by 4-H Activity: Rockets to the Moon

Calling all space explorers! Designed by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and brought to you by Hughesnet, embark on a cosmic journey beyond our atmosphere. 4-H educators can help youth create a [virtual rocket](#), customize the look and feel, and equip it with all it needs to get to the moon. [Click here to launch rockets.](#)

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4-H More Information and Materials

We're challenging each 4-H member to invite four friends to join 4-H. For returning 4-H members who invite new members in, we've set up an incentive program. Incentives include:

- 1 new member: 4-H 4 More T-Shirt
- 2 new members: Membership Refund
- 3 new members: Leather portfolio
- 4 new members: Backpack & State Recognition

How is this tracked? When a new member registers on 4HOnline, they will have the availability to input who referred them 4-H. Utilize the marketing materials below!

- [Facebook Post Template](#)
- [Instagram Post Template](#) & [Instagram Story Template](#)
- [Flyer Template](#) & [Brochure Template](#)

2024 Ignite by 4-H

Spark your imagination and passion! [Ignite by 4-H](#), an inclusive teen event, returns March 13-17, 2024, to Washington, D.C. Join us for four days of inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, hands-on workshops, and connections. [Click here to watch a video and get excited!](#)

Core Academy (FLYER)

June 17th – 21st, Explore Stephenville, Abilene, and San Angelo. One of the goals of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to an assortment of possible careers.

Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp (FLYER)

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors are hosting the first-ever Lone Star 4-H Splash Camp (water camp) at the Texas 4-H Center April 26-28. This event is open to 6th-8th grade students. Registration opens February 5 on the Texas 4-H Conference Center website. Youth will be involved in project-based learning and lots of fun water activities! Registration is \$210 per student, which includes two nights' lodging, meals, a camp t-shirt, a camp water bottle, and all workshops and programming. Save the date to register beginning February 5th!

States' 4-H International Exchange Summer Hosting (APPLICATION)

Host a Japanese youth in summer 2024 through States' 4-H International & bring the richness of the world to your home. The hosting period is July 24-August 17. The youth to be hosted are ages 12-18. Host families must have a child of the same gender and within three years of age of the hosted youth. The visiting youth have a range of English language abilities, so host families should be prepared to communicate imaginatively.

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NEW

2024 Texas 4-H State Roundup Updates

Event Date: June 3-6, 2024 in College Station, TX

- [Texas 4-H Roundup Handbook](#)
- [2024 Changes & Reminders](#)
- [College & Career Fair Registration](#)
- [Room Block Information](#)
- [Sponsorship Opportunities](#)
- [Seeking Roundup National Anthem Singers](#) (Apply via 4HOnline - Closes March 1st, 2024)
- [Roundup Internship Opportunity](#) (Open to College Students - Closes March 24, 2024)
- [Schedule of Events](#) (Schedule is NOT finalized and subject to Change)
- [Educational Workshops Series](#)
- [Salute to Excellence Awards](#) ([SUBMISSION LINK](#)) – **DEADLINE April 1st**
- **NEW for 2024:** Any unresolved or declined credit card payments will be flagged, and affected individuals will be required to make payment on-site before being allowed to pick up their credentials and compete.



Tarrant County 4-H Dog Show ([REGISTRATION](#)) ([FLYER](#))

Tarrant County will be hosting a 4-H Dog Show Saturday April 6th, 2024. Dogs do not need to be validated for the show. Please see the flyer for more information.

Hood County 4-H Dog Show ([REGISTRATION](#)) ([FLYER](#))

Hood County will be hosting a 4-H Dog Show on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 at the Reunion Grounds (641 Reunion Ct. Granbury, TX 76048.) Dogs do not need to be validated for the show. Please see the flyer for more information.

NEW

Texas 4-H Center Events ([REGISTRATION](#))

- 2024 Summer Camp Schedule: [County Camp, Prime Time & Horizons Schedule](#)
- Texas 4-H Center Camp Ambassador Training – Event Dates: **March 14-17th**
- Lone Star Splash Camp ([FLYER](#)): Event Dates: **April 26-28**. Registration will CLOSE April 5th.
- Aperture Academy ([FLYER](#)): Event Dates: **July 7-10**. Registration is limited to 25 participants.
- Texas 4-H Center 50th Birthday Bash ([REGISTRATION](#)): **April 12 – 13**
- Texas 4-H Roundup Community Service ([FLYER](#))

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4-H Day at Angelo State University ([REGISTRATION](#)) – [DEADLINE March 18th](#)

Angelo State University will be hosting a 4-H Day on Saturday, March 23rd. Learn more about college admissions, hear from students and faculty, dine in the cafeteria, and take a guided campus tour. This event is FREE, but only meals are free to students; guests of students can purchase a meal pass at check-in. Attendees with interest in an agriculture major can attend an extra ASU Ranch Tour, as well. The full event will begin at 10 am and conclude at 3 pm. Attendees will also receive FREE admission to the ASU baseball and softball games after the day of education and tours. Please register by Monday, March 18th.

District 10 4-H Spring Roundup ([GUIDE](#)) ([REGISTRATION](#)) – [DEADLINE March 19th](#)

The District 10 4-H Roundup event is held twice a year (Fall & Spring) to allow 4-H members to showcase their knowledge and talents in various 4-H contests. District 10 4-H members of all age divisions are welcome to compete in any of the contests offered (granted they meet the criteria of the event). The following information below applies to all Spring Roundup District contests, unless otherwise stated in the contest's specific rules. Check out: <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-10-spring-round-up/> **Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled on 4HOnline and belong to a Texas 4-H Youth Development County program.** There are three age divisions for competition as outlined below. 4-H members' division is determined by their grade level by Aug. 31, 2023.

- Junior: 3rd - 5th
- Intermediate: Grades 6th - 8th
- Senior: Grades 9th - 12th
- **Smallbore Rile ONLY has modified age divisions. Please check the contest rules.*

Note: Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on an intermediate team. Intermediates/Seniors may NOT move up or down to a different age division.

NEW

Wildfire Relief For The Texas Panhandle

Wildfire Relief for the Texas Panhandle is being coordinated through a combination of local and state resources. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will continue to make regular updates to the list of agricultural resources needed and contacts at tx.ag/WildfireRelief. Follow the [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Facebook](#) for current updates.

NEW

TAMU AGLS On Tour ([REGISTRATION](#))

If you are involved with Texas 4-H as a parent or a student, you are among the best and brightest individuals who will impact the future of agriculture. The Texas A&M University College of Ag and Life Science is home to 15 departments and various degree programs leading to careers in the agriculture industry, business, medicine, law, conservation, scientific research, public policy, and many others. AGLS on Tour is a multi-city road tour designed for recently admitted students, including those in Aggie Gateway to Success and Texas A&M-Blinn TEAM, as well as local prospective students eager to explore the college.

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CLUB MANAGER REPORTS

The Club Manager Report page will contain the link and QR Code for all club managers to submit their monthly reports to the County Extension Office.



LINK: <https://forms.gle/MMzKsUZ95BJChTiM9>